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Teaching of agriculture in select higher elementary and secondary schools.

*1617 *Q.*—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have received the report of the committee appointed by the Director of Public Instruction to work out proposals for the teaching of the elements of agriculture in select higher elementary and secondary schools?

A.—No.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know when this committee was first appointed?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It was appointed 18 months ago."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Was it not appointed four years ago?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Not that I am aware of."

Local Boards

Nominations to the South Arcot District Board.

*1618 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that recently the Government nominated a non-Muslim to the District Board of South Arcot in the place vacated by a Muslim;

(*b*) whether there are at present any vacant seats in the District Board of South Arcot to be filled up by nomination;

(*c*) when the vacancy arose, what are the reasons for the delay if any in filling up the same and to whom this is due;

(*d*) whether the names of any Muslims have been called for by the Government and recommended by the President of the District Board; and

(*e*) if so, whether the Government have considered the names so recommended by the President of the District Board and arrived at any decision in respect of the same?

A.—(*a*) Yes. In October 1928.

(*b*) Yes—there is a vacancy from 23rd February 1929.

(*c*) If the vacancy in clause (*a*) is meant, there was no avoidable delay in filling it.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the gentleman appointed in 1928 was not Mr. Ramachandra Padayachi, a member of this Council?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the hon. the Minister ten days ago did not nominate another gentleman to the same Board?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"That was the Collector of the district."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the Government or rather the Minister's office did not send back the two recommendations that